

§ 422.594 Notice of reconsidered determination by the independent entity.

(a) *Responsibility for the notice.* When the independent entity makes the reconsidered determination, it is responsible for mailing a notice of its reconsidered determination to the parties and for sending a copy to HCFA.

(b) *Content of the notice.* The notice must—

(1) State the specific reasons for the entity's decisions;

(2) If the reconsidered determination is adverse (that is, does not completely reverse the M+C organization's adverse organization determination), inform the parties of their right to an ALJ hearing if the amount in controversy is \$100 or more;

(3) Describe the procedures that a party must follow to obtain an ALJ hearing; and

(4) Comply with any other requirements specified by HCFA.

§ 422.596 Effect of a reconsidered determination.

A reconsidered determination is final and binding on all parties unless a party files a request for a hearing under the provisions of § 422.602, or unless the reconsidered determination is revised under § 422.616.

§ 422.600 Right to a hearing.

(a) If the amount remaining in controversy is \$100 or more, any party to the reconsideration (except the M+C organization) who is dissatisfied with the reconsidered determination has a right to a hearing before an ALJ. The M+C organization does not have the right to request a hearing before an ALJ.

(b) The amount remaining in controversy, which can include any combination of Part A and Part B services, is computed in accordance with § 405.740 of this chapter for Part A services and § 405.817 of this chapter for Part B services.

(c) If the basis for the appeal is the M+C organization's refusal to provide services, HCFA uses the projected value of those services to compute the amount remaining in controversy.

§ 422.602 Request for an ALJ hearing.

(a) *How and where to file a request.* A party must file a written request for a hearing at one of the places listed in § 422.582(a) or with the independent, outside entity. The organizations listed in § 422.582(a) forward the request to the independent, outside entity, which is responsible for transferring the case to the appropriate ALJ hearing office.

(b) *When to file a request.* Except when an ALJ extends the timeframe as provided in 20 CFR 404.933(c), a party must file a request for a hearing within 60 days of the date of the notice of a reconsidered determination.

(c) *Parties to a hearing.* The parties to a hearing are the parties to the reconsideration, the M+C organization, and any other person or entity whose rights with respect to the reconsideration may be affected by the hearing, as determined by the ALJ.

(d) *When the amount in controversy is less than \$100.* (1) If a request for a hearing clearly shows that the amount in controversy is less than \$100, the ALJ dismisses the request.

(2) If, after a hearing is initiated, the ALJ finds that the amount in controversy is less than \$100, he or she discontinues the hearing and does not rule on the substantive issues raised in the appeal.

§ 422.608 Departmental Appeals Board (the Board) review.

Any party to the hearing, including the M+C organization, who is dissatisfied with the ALJ hearing decision, may request that the Board review the ALJ's decision or dismissal. Regulations located at 20 CFR 404.967 through 404.984 regarding SSA Appeals Council Review apply to Board review for matters addressed by this subpart.

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§ 422.612 Judicial review.

(a) *Review of ALJ's decision.* Any party, including the M+C organization, may request judicial review (upon notifying the other parties) of an ALJ's decision if—

(1) The Board denied the party's request for review; and